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Group: 3621  
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Title: Tagged Private Information Retrieval

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The remarks below are submitted in response to the first non-final Office Action dated May 28, 2003 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on December 1, 2000 with claims 1-20. Claims 1-20 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 16-20 are the independent claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,754,656 (hereinafter "Nishioka") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,936 (hereinafter "Kyojima"); and rejected claims 5 and 6 under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishioka and Kyojima in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,396,928 (hereinafter "Zheng").

In this response, Applicants respectfully traverse the §103(a) rejections. Applicants request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.



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(1) Response to Office Action.

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